

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 4, please add the following two (2) paragraphs after line 1:

--Figure 3 is a cross-sectional view of the electrical connector taken along line 3-3 in Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view of the electrical connector taken along line 3-3 in Figure 1 before insertion of a knife blade.--.

On page 4, please replace the paragraph starting on line 13 with the following replacement paragraph:

--According to the present invention, contact segment 6 has three or more contact lamellae 7. In the exemplary embodiment represented in Figures 1 and 2, four contact lamellae are provided, which freely extend away from center segment 5, and a free space 8 is provided between each of the individual contact lamellae 7. Contact lamellae 7 have free ends 7' and a contact region 9, which is used to produce an electrical connection with a knife blade 14, a schematic representation of which is shown inserted into the contact region 9 ~~not shown in further detail in the drawings~~. Contact region 9 of contact lamellae 7 in question is designed in such a manner, that a contact point 10 is formed between the knife blade not shown here and specific contact lamella 7.--.

On page 4, please add the following paragraph on line 22:

--Figure 3 is a cross-sectional view of the electrical connector 1 taken along line 3-3 in Figure 1. As can be seen in Figure 3, knife blade 14 forces the free ends 7' of contact lamellae 7 into contact with the retention spring 3. Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view of the electrical connector 1 taken along line 3-3 in Figure 1 before insertion of the knife blade 14.--.